NW¹₄SW¹₄, Section 35, T18S, R31E, NMPM, Eddy County, NM SW¹₄SW¹₄, Section 35, T18S, R31E, NMPM, Eddy County, NM

It is situated on an existing road.

Map Reference: USGS Clayton Basin Quadrangle, 15 Minute Series, 1942.

Terrain

This location is situated on a generally undulating plain which locally trends toward the northeast. In its broader context, it is coextensive with the Querecho Plains. The coeval surface is marked by low coppice dunes and associated shallow deflation basins. In general, these features are stabilized. Local soils are dominated by the sand separate and consist of sandy loams and loamy sands which often contain caliche inclusions. Peds uniformly belong to the Typic Torripsamment subgroup.

Floristics

Principal plants occurring on areal soils are: <u>Quercus</u> <u>havardii, Yucca glauca, Artemisia filifolia</u>, and <u>Opuntia</u> <u>polyacantha</u>. Of these, <u>Quercus</u> is dominant and often occurs in essentially unbroken stands. Associated forbs include <u>Senecio sp., Gutierrezia sp., Croton sp., Shrankia occidentalis</u>, <u>Suaeda sp., Hymenoxys sp., Oenothera sp., Hoffmansegria sp.,</u> and <u>Monarda sp.</u> Grasses are represented principally by <u>Aristida</u> sp., <u>Andropogon sp., and Sporobolus spp.</u>

Cultural Resources

No archaeological resources were recorded during this reconnaissance. The absence of cultural resources locally can be attributed to the nature of the local landform which inhibits